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Holiday Schedule Announced For University Letter

Because of the reduced activity on campus over the holiday break, the University Letter will NOT be published on Dec. 27 and Jan. 3. Weekly publication will resume with the issue of Jan. 10; the deadline for article

submissions will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7 -- Jan Orvik, Editor, University Letter.

Winter Commencement Ceremony Set For Dec. 20

Faculty, staff and students are invited to participate in the winter commencement ceremony at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, in the Chester Fritz Auditorium. The platform group, graduate faculty presenting doctoral candidates, and degree candidates will wear academic attire and march in the processional. They should report to the Auditorium basement by 1:30 p.m. to form the processional. The University community is invited to attend the ceremony and the reception afterward for graduates, their families, and friends. -- Rita Galloway, Associate Coordinator of Commencement.

NSF Announces Major Research Program

The Office of Research and Program Development has recently received the NSF Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program Announcement. This program supports the acquisition or development of major research instrumentation at U.S. institutions as well as the maintenance and technical support associated with those instruments. Proposals may be for a single instrument, a large system of instruments, or multiple instruments that share a common research focus. Proposals for computer systems, clusters of advanced work stations, networks, and other information infrastructure components necessary for research are encouraged. The MRI Program supports projects that are generally too costly for other NSF programs to support. Awards will range from \$100,000 to \$2 million. There is a 30 percent match requirement which may come from any private or non-federal public source and may be in cash or in kind.

UND is eligible to submit two proposals for instrument acquisition and one proposal for instrument development. UND may also be included as a member of a consortium submitting a separate proposal. Because we anticipate that many departments will be interested in applying for these funds, we are requesting that interested faculty submit a two to three page pre-proposal that includes a project description, a discussion of the impact on UND infrastructure, and a project/management plan. Additionally, an estimated budget (one page) must be attached with some indication of potential sources and amounts of matching funds (NSF requires a 30 percent match). Preproposals must be submitted to the Office of Research and Program Development on or before Friday, Dec. 27. A committee composed of Marlene Strathe (Academic Affairs), Harvey Knull (Graduate School), and myself will review the preproposals and select up to three proposals for full development -- two for instrument acquisition and one for instrument development. Full proposals must be submitted to NSF by 5 p.m. on Feb. 20, 1997.

If you would like to receive a copy of the Program Announcement, call Colleen at 7-4278.

If you have any questions, please call me at 7-4280 or e-mail me at carl_fox@mail.und.nodak.edu. -- Carl Fox, Director, Office of Research and Program Development.

Technology Fee Allocations Listed

New allocations for the spring semester from the Student Technology Fee are listed below. The Student Technology Fee, instituted last fall, is a \$50 per semester fee (pro-rated for part-time students) which enables the University to upgrade and purchase new computers and other technologies for student use. Allocations are made by the Student Technology Fee Committee, convened by the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. A total of 47 proposals requested \$1.4 million in funding; \$395,000 was allocated.

Funded were a Gillette Hall Instructional Lab and Student Lab, Mathematics Computer Lab, Psychology Computer Lab, Speech and Hearing Science/Audiology Lab, Geographic Analysis and Remote Sensing Lab, Introductory College Physics/General Physics/Natural Science, and Inductory Astronomy course classroom presentation equipment, Philosophy and Religion Computer Lab, and the Biology Instructional Lab. Also funded were the McKay Information Management Lab in Gamble Hall; Education Macintosh Lab; Aerospace Computer Literacy Lab and UNIX lab server disk upgrade; Fine Arts Graphics Lab; Nursing Room 108 classroom presentation equipment and Nutrition and Dietetics Computer Lab; and Upson II Computer Lab/Upson I Computer-Aided Engineering Network educational software. The Chester Fritz Library and branch libraries were funded, as was the Thormodsgard Law Library; the Student Financial Aid office received funding, which was recommended because of high need and the direct benefit it would have on students.

For more information on the Student Technology Fee, contact the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost office at 7-2167. -- Marlene Strathe, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

Employees May Take UND Courses At Low Cost

For just \$4.17 per credit hour, UND employees may enroll in one university course per semester. You may take up to three academic courses each calendar year, and are granted work release time upon arrangement with your supervisor. You must have successfully completed your probationary period. You can continue your education, earn a degree, or improve your skills. Staff members can work toward a degree; faculty may take courses for credit.

You can choose from hundreds of courses, ranging from management and sciences to languages and music, from exercise and ceramics to first aid and financial management. The deadline for enrolling in a course is Tuesday, Dec. 31. Here's how to enroll:

1. Pick up admissions materials, registration materials and a tuition waiver form at the Office of Admissions, 205 Twamley Hall (phone 7-3821) or at the Graduate School, 414 Twamley (phone 7-2784).
2. Choose the course you'd like to take. Prerequisites or other factors may affect registration.
3. Fill out the forms and return them to Admissions (undergraduates) or the Graduate School, and have your supervisor/dean sign the tuition waiver forms.
4. Return the completed waiver forms to Admissions by Tuesday, Dec. 31.
5. Register according to instructions in the Time Schedule of Classes.

If you are enrolling for the first time, you need to complete and return an "Application for Admission" form, available from the Admissions office, 205 Twamley Hall, or the Graduate School, 414 Twamley Hall. There is a \$25 matriculation fee for an employee who has not previously enrolled. You may need to file transcripts from schools that you have previously attended. Please note that some colleges have additional fees that cannot be waived. Take advantage of your \$1,000 Benefit! -- Fred MacGregor, Director of Personnel, and Alice Poehls, Director of Admissions and Records.

EVENTS TO NOTE

Engineering Senior Design Students Invite Public To Finals

University of North Dakota Engineering students invite the University community to observe the final presentations for their senior design class. Members of the student organization, Society for Energy Alternatives (SEA) will take advantage of the opportunity to demonstrate the progress they have made in designing a solar-powered vehicle, the "Subzero." Four design teams working on the vehicle are scheduled to make their final presentations Friday, Dec. 13. The SEA will host a luncheon that day for the project's sponsors.

Following are the presentation times; all will be held in 219 Harrington Hall:

- 10 to 10:45a.m. - Sunrayce Chassis Team
- 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. - Sunrayce Suspension Team
- 1 to 1:45 p.m. - Sunrayce Power Systems
- 1:45 to 2:30 p.m. - Sunrayce Body Aerodynamics

Other Senior Presentations that day are:

- 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. - Bolted Flange
- 3:15 to 4 p.m. - CFCFB- Fluidized Bed

For more than a year, members of SEA have worked to raise money, design, and build the "Subzero" in time to enter it in June's Sunrayce '97. Open to college-level education institutions in North America, the Sunrayce challenge is to design, build and race a solar-powered vehicle on a 1,230 mile state highway course from Indianapolis, Ind., to Colorado Springs, Colo. The event is sponsored by the Department of Energy, General Motors, and Electronic Data Systems.

The challenge for UND's team is complicated by the fact that North Dakota has never had a Sunrayce entry so there are no previous team's mistakes from which to learn or past sponsors from whom to obtain financial support. Additionally, road testing a solar car during north Dakota's winter months is virtually impossible.

Funding for the project has come from regional corporations, small businesses and private citizens. Among the biggest contributors are electric power companies.

Expected to attend the luncheon will be representatives from Otter Tail Power, Phoenix Industries of Crookston, Grand Forks Welding, Northern States Power, Hansen Ford, Rydell Chevrolet, Bruce Hart's Repair, Dow Welding Supply Company, Interstate Bearing, individual contributors, and interested UND faculty, staff and alumni.

Vehicle designs are nearly completed and construction has begun. The "Subzero" will be unveiled to the public in February 1997, tested at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway during spring break in March, and entered in the Sunrayce in June. For more information contact SEA President, Renae Patrick at 7-4110. -- Jan Orvik, Editor, for Sunrayce Engineering students.

Biology Faculty Candidates To Present Seminars

Two candidates for faculty positions in the Department of Biology will present seminars on Friday, Dec. 13, in Starcher 141. Speaking at noon will be Sally Pyle, Assistant Research Professor at Rutgers University and a candidate for the Structural Biologist position at UND. Her topic will be "Neurobiology of the Axonal Cytoskeleton in Disease and Development." She received her Ph.D. in 1992 from Duke University and then spent two years as a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard Medical School. Speaking at 3 p.m. will be Heather McDonald, a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Genetics, University of Washington, and a candidate for the Geneticist position at UND. The seminar title will be announced. She received her Ph.D. in 1991 from Harvard University, where she spent one year as a postdoctoral fellow before going to Washington. -- Colin Hughes, Assistant Professor of Biology.

UM Biochemist To Present Lecture Dec. 13

"Regulation of Rat Liver Glucose-6-Phosphatase Gene Expression" is the title of a special lecture to be presented Friday, Dec. 13, by the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. The lecture will be presented at 11 a.m. in Room 5520 of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences by Alex Lange, Assistant Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine, Minneapolis. All interested persons are invited to attend. A native of Heidenheim, Germany, Lange holds bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. degrees from Cornell University. His doctoral work was completed under the direction of Dr. William Arion, originally of Cando, N.D. Dr. Lange carried out postdoctoral work with Dr. Simon Pilkis at the State University of New York, Stony Brook, where he served on the faculty before coming to the University of Minnesota in 1994. Dr. Lange has published extensively in the area of enzymology, most often in the area of glucose-6-phosphatase. His current work is directed toward regulation of gene expression of the catalytic unit of the glucose-6-phosphatase system. -- Robert Nordlie, Chair, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Pharmacology Faculty Candidate To Present Seminar

Jack Yalowich of the Department of Pharmacology, University of Pittsburgh, will present a seminar Friday, Dec. 13, from 9 to 10 a.m. in the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Room 5520. Dr. Yalowich is a candidate for a faculty position in UND's Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology. The seminar title is "Postranscriptional and Postranslational Regulation of DNA Topoisomerase II in Anticancer Drug Resistant Leukemia Cells." All interested persons are invited to attend. -- Paul Epstein, Associate Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology.

Seminar Will Consider "Reality Therapy"

The course, Counseling 565N: Seminar Topics in Counseling and Counseling Psychology Research and Practice, will present "Reality Therapy" with Judy Comstock on Friday, Dec. 13, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in 316 Montgomery Hall. Everyone is invited, whether you are taking the seminar for credit or not. -- Linda Winter, Coordinator, Counseling 565N.

Reception To Honor Ollie Larson

Please join the Family and Community Nursing Department at a reception honoring Ollie Larson on her retirement on Monday, Dec. 16, from 2 to 4 p.m., in the third floor faculty lounge of the College of Nursing. Dr. Larson was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. She completed her B.S. in Nursing at Montana State University, Master of Public Health at the University of

Minnesota and Ed.D. at the University of South Dakota. Her retirement comes after a 46-year career in Nursing including practice in Saskatchewan, North Dakota, Minnesota, Utah, Texas, Montana and South Dakota. Among her most memorable experiences were a stint at Nipawin, SK in the Canadian far north, Red Cross Disaster Nursing following a hurricane in Texas and Louisiana, and in flood disasters in South Dakota. Since arriving at UND in 1991, Dr. Larson taught maternity, family and rural health Nursing. -- Liz Tyree, Chair, Family and Community Nursing.

Pharmacology Candidates Will Give Seminars

Two candidates for the faculty position in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology will present seminars.

Begonia Ho of the Department of Pharmacology at the Medical College of Wisconsin will present a seminar, "G Protein-Coupled Signaling Pathways of the Cannabinoid Receptor," on Monday, Dec. 16, from 10 to 11 a.m. in 5510 School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

James Drewett of the Department of Pharmacology and Cardiovascular Research Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin will present a seminar, "Catalytic Domains of Guanlyl Cyclase is Essential for Mediating Inhibition of Aldosterone Synthesis," on Monday, Dec. 16, from 1 to 2 p.m. in 5510 School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Everyone is invited to attend. -- Paul Epstein, Associate Professor, Pharmacology and Toxicology.

Dec. 17 Reception Honors Departing Jack Geller

Colleagues of Dr. Jack Geller are invited to a farewell reception Tuesday, Dec. 17, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences. The reception will be held in the John W. Vennes Atrium of the Edwin C. James Medical Research Facility. Dr. Geller has resigned as Director of the Center for Rural Health to accept the position of Director of the Department of Health Systems Research at the Marshfield (Wis.) Medical Research and Education Foundation. Geller joined the UND faculty in 1986 as an Assistant Professor of Sociology and was appointed a Research Associate with the Center for Rural Health in 1987. In May 1990 he was named Director of the Center and its 25-member staff. -- Pamela Knudson, Director, Office of Public Affairs, School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Institutional Review Board Will Meet Jan. 10

The Institutional Review Board will meet at 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, in 305 Twamley Hall, to consider all research proposals submitted to the Office of Research and Program Development before Tuesday, Dec. 31. Proposals received later will be considered only if a quorum has reviewed them and time permits.

Clinical medical projects must be reviewed by the Clinical Medical Subcommittee before being brought to the full Board. Proposals for these projects are due in the Office of Research and Program Development Tuesday, Dec. 24.

Notes from the meeting will be available in ORPD approximately one week after the meeting. -- F.R. Ferraro (Psychology), Chair, Institutional Review Board.

OF ACADEMIC INTEREST

Organizational Meeting Set For Women In Science

A group of faculty has been meeting informally to discuss women and the sciences on campus. At the next meeting we will decide our goals and tasks for the next semester and perhaps for the longer range. Some areas of interest are encouraging women students to major in science-related fields, doing outreach in the local schools, developing classes that integrate women studies perspectives in the traditional sciences, and pursuing grant options.

If you are interested in any or all of these topics, please join us for an organizational meeting Monday, Dec. 16, from noon to 1:15 p.m. in the Sioux Room of the Memorial Union. Feel free to bring your lunch. For more information, contact me at 7-4115 or e-mail to donaldso@badlands.nodak.edu. -- Sandra Donaldson (English), Director, Women Studies.

Use Random Number When Posting Grades Electronically

Electronic posting of grades using the NAID or Social Security Number is

inappropriate because it violates a student's right to privacy, as defined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, North Dakota State Board of Higher Education policy, and University policy. All faculty are reminded to use a randomly assigned number to post grades for students electronically or in traditional ways. -- Alice Poehls, Director of Admissions and Records.

Applications Sought For Norwegian Exchange Professorship

Applications from interested UND professors contemplating leaves for next year are sought for the 1998 Ostfoldakademiet Professorship. This UND faculty member teaches two courses at Ostfoldakademiet, Moss, Norway, in the spring semester. Courses are taught using English and normally are numbered in the 200-300 range (i.e. sophomore or junior level, although other courses are possible). The semester runs from late January through the middle of May. Help in orientation and housing is offered through Ostfoldakademiet.

Ostfoldakademiet is a one-year tertiary academy approximately one hour south of Oslo on the island of Jeloy. Norwegian high school graduates complete their first year of university there prior to attending UND; UND students are able to spend a semester or academic year there taking courses in various subjects.

D. Scott Lowe (Philosophy and Religion) will be the 1997 professor. Curtis Stofferahn (1996) and Janet Moen (1995) (both Sociology) are the most recent Ostfoldakademiet professors.

Interested persons should submit a current resume and syllabi for the proposed two courses. Final selection is dependent upon the approval of the faculty member's college dean; a letter from your dean will enhance your application. Final selection will be made by the Ostfoldakademiet Professor Selection Committee. Complete applications should be sent to: Thomas Rand, Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences, Box 8038, no later than Dec. 15. Inquiries about the position can be directed to either of the former Ostfoldakademiet professors or to me at 7-3301 or Box 7109. -- David Marshall, Director of International Programs.

UNIVERSITY SENATE

UNIVERSITY SENATE REPORT

University Senate began its regular monthly meeting Dec. 5 with Chair Sara Hanhan (Teaching and Learning) presiding, but the meeting was not adjourned but, rather, continued until Dec. 12 to complete input on the major agenda item. Sixty-two of the current 79 Senate members attended the first part of the December meeting, which ended at 6:02 p.m. after twice exceeding earlier agreed upon adjournment times. Reports on proceedings follow.

Senate Presents Initial Responses

To Restructuring, Reallocation Report

Informal discussion on a part-by-part basis of the report from its Restructuring and Reallocation Committee occupied most of the Dec. 7 Senate meeting after it was submitted for receiving and filing. Any reactions to the report which Senate agrees upon at a Dec. 12 continuation of the monthly meeting cannot alter the report as presented but will be appended to it when it is forwarded to UND President Kendall Baker.

The committee was formed by Senate in March to fulfill an earlier charge to initiate a permanent, ongoing way to involve faculty in University-wide academic restructuring and reallocation planning and execution. The original charge to Senate to create a vehicle for that purpose came from the University Council, which had been asked by the University Planning Council to find means for faculty input into the matter. UND as an institution was reacting to a State Board of Higher Education mandate that North Dakota University System institutions initiate and report on their progress and plans on academic restructuring and reallocation.

The Senate R and R Committee met from July into November, concentrating on low enrollment programs as per a mandate from the State Board of Higher Education to pursue that area. The committee reviewed as many low enrollment programs as it reasonably could, it reported.

A draft of UND Academic Vice President and Provost Marlene Strathe's preliminary recommendations on continuance or discontinuance of low enrollment programs, as defined in terms of number of program completers, was the basis from which the R and R Committee worked to develop its report. It contains 18 recommendations on low enrollment programs and also includes the committee's rationale on each recommendation, impact on students and curriculum, and VPAA/Provost Strathe's position on each program.

Five of the 18 recommendations drew Senate reactions, with the others being

passed over without comment. Most discussion was aimed at recommendations that a minor in Greek be discontinued, that the Bachelor of arts degree with a major in Latin be discontinued, and that formation of a Center for Interdisciplinary Studies be investigated by a Senate task force.

At the Dec. 12 continuation of the regular monthly meeting, Senate expects to try to reach points of concurrence on the R and R Committee recommendations and forward them separately from the report to its prime recipient, UND President Baker. The R and R Committee will continue to meet on other academic restructuring matters.

The 12-member Restructuring and Reallocation Committee, chaired by Carla Hess (Communication Sciences and Disorders), consists of the three elected faculty members of the University Budget Committee, three faculty selected by the Senate for its Faculty Advisory Budget Committee, a University Curriculum Committee representative, two Senate Executive Committee appointees, a student government appointee, a University Planning Council appointee, and the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

Other Senate Business

Other business at the Dec. 5 part of the December Senate meeting included the following:

Tabled until the next Senate meeting was a policy change regarding the automatic suspension for two years of courses not offered in a three-year cycle, with additional procedures for deletion or reinstatement of such courses. . . The tentative list of candidates for degrees at UND December commencement was approved for recommendation to the State Board of Higher Education pending satisfactory completion of the present semester. . . Senate approved recommendations from the Curriculum Committee for program terminations and suspensions, a new program request, a title change, and new courses. . . President Kendall Baker said he was pleased to report that just earlier in the day of the Senate meeting, the presentation of North Dakota Gov. Ed Schafer's executive budget recommendations for 1997-99 to a joint session of the North Dakota Legislature included a \$35 million increase for higher education. That includes a 3 percent salary increase for each year of the biennium, of which 1.5 percent will go across the board to all employees and the other 1.5 percent will be distributed selectively to reward merit performances, etc. The governor also is recommending creation of a \$3.2 million North Dakota University System wide pool to address additional salary issues, such as rankings compared to national and regional standards. Further, President Baker announced, the Governor's recommendations include 50 percent matching funds for a proposed Biomedical Center (animal research quarters) at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences. President Baker emphasized that the recommendations are still only that and must still undergo the usual legislative considerations in the 1997 session. In the same vein, he said in response to a question about how firm the salary increase recommendations are, that adjustments during the legislative process are always a possibility. President Baker noted that Gov. Schafer, in making his higher education budget recommendations, praised UND for its efforts, stating, "The type of introspective exercise that has taken place at the University of North Dakota is exactly what must continue to take place system wide."

Senators present at the Dec. 5 part of the December meeting were Jeanne Anderegg, James Antes, Kendall L. Baker, Albert Berger, Mary Brant, Chris Carlson, Annie Claesson, Richard Crawford, W. Jeremy Davis, Sally Dockter, Rebecca Engwicht, John Ettling, George Frein, Mary Lou Fuller, Betty Gard, Kari Gjovik, Mike Grosz, Elizabeth Hampsten, Sara Hanhan, Thomasine Heitkamp, Gordon Henry, Carla Wulff Hess, Al Hoffarth, Charlotte Humphries, Susan Hunter, Eric Jorgenson, Frank Karner, Scott Knudsvig, Mary Kweit, David Lambeth, Gretchen Chesley Lang, Lynn Lindholm, Brian Lloyd, D. Scott Lowe, Stephen Markovich, James McKenzie, Chris Mickelson, Janet Kelly Moen, Sheryl O'Donnell, Marcia O'Kelly, Glenn Olsen, Thomas Owens, Dexter Perkins, David Perry, Thomas Petros, Heather Phillips, Monte Phillips, Alice Poehls, Donald Poochigian, Ronald Pynn, Lana Rakow, Charles Robertson, Tammy Schlinger, Larry Spain, Scot Stradley, Marlene Strathe, Wayne Swisher, David Uherka, Beverly Uhlenberg, Andrew Varvel, Cecilia Volden, DuWayne Wacker.

Senators absent from the Dec. 5 part of the December meeting were Lyle Beiswenger, Robert Boyd, Frank, D'Andraia, Mary Harris, Bruce Jacobsen, Harvey Knull, W. Fred Lawrence, Robert Lewis, E. John Miller, Elizabeth Nichols, Ben U. Nwoke, John Odegard, Don Richard, Tina Richards, Daniel Sheridan, John A. Williams, H. David Wilson. -- Jim Penwarden, Office of University Relations.

BILLBOARD

New Safety Director Named

John "Jack" Glass Jr. has been named director of Safety, and began his new position Dec. 2. With degrees from Temple University and Rutgers University,

he has more than 10 years of experience in the environmental consulting and industrial hygiene field. He has conducted numerous plant-wide and process-wide industrial hygiene audits encompassing full regulatory compliance, employer liability, and worker satisfaction. His experience includes studies in noise, toxic exposures, emergency equipment, S.O.P. implementation, superfund oversight, emergency response, industrial ventilation and plan/specification design. He has written and presented training courses, keynote addresses and seminars on industrial hygiene, safety and environmental issues. His training experience includes the creation and presentation of worker health and safety courses for compliance with OSHA requirements. He has also conducted numerous indoor air quality investigations, property transfer investigations and has directed underground storage tank removals. Glass has also provided expert testimony in the asbestos and air quality fields, and is a mentor to the Hahneman University and Philadelphia College of Medicine Industrial Hygiene Program. He came to UND from Tyler Scientific Co. in Tabernacle, N.J.-- Jim Uhlir, Director of Auxiliary Services.

PAC-W Seeks Nominations

The President's Advisory Council on Women (PAC-W) seeks nominations for five openings on the Council. New members will begin to meet with the council in March 1997. Members may be staff or faculty (tenure track and non-tenure track). The Council supplies a list of names to President Baker for appointment. If you are interested in having your name placed in nomination, please contact Barbara Handy-Marchello by phone (7-2803), e-mail to handymar@badlands.nodak.edu or by campus mail at Box 8096. -- Barbara Handy-Marchello (History) for the President's Advisory Council for Women.

Entries Invited For Essays Addressing Issues Of Concern To Women

The Women Studies Program is sponsoring a contest for the best essays that wholly or in significant part address issues of particular concern to women. Two prizes will be awarded, one to an undergraduate student and the other to a graduate student; each prize will be for \$50. Essays may be of any length and may come from any discipline. They may be submitted by faculty or directly by students. Essays should have been written in 1996 (spring or fall semesters). Each submitted essay should be marked with the class title and include the author's phone number and address. Please send essays by Friday, Dec. 20, 1996, to Sandra Donaldson, Department of English, Box 7209. Winners will be announced during Women's History Month, March 1997. -- Sandra Donaldson, English and Women Studies.

Computer Center Production Control To Remain Open Late On Dec. 20

The Computer Center Production Control office will be open until 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20, 1996, for accepting, processing and disbursement of final exams. -- Donna Bonderud, Production Control, Computer Center.

New WYLBUR Version Available For Testing

A new release of WYLBUR Version 9.5 is available for testing now through Sunday, Jan. 5, 1997. To read information about this, type "USE WYL.PUB.INFO#WYL95" when you are signed on to WYLBUR. Please contact the Computer Center Help Desk at 7-2222 if you have problems. -- Marlys Hanson and Cathy Hilley, Computer Center.

FlexComp Open Enrollment Ends Dec. 20

The open enrollment period for the UND FlexComp program will end on Friday, Dec. 20, 1996. This enrollment is for the plan year of Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 1997. FlexComp enrollment forms and information regarding the program were sent to all benefited employees in mid-October. Additional enrollment forms are available in the Payroll Office in Twamley Hall, Room 314. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Jean Daniel, the FlexComp clerk in the Payroll Office, at 7-4423. -- Pat Hanson, Director of Payroll.

Business Office To Close Early Dec. 19

The Business Office will close at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19. If your department anticipates a problem due to this early closing, please contact Loretta Prather at 7-3080 no later than Wednesday, Dec. 18. Thank you. -- Wanda Sporbert, Manager, Business Office.

Christmas, New Year's Are Holidays

In accordance with State Board of Higher Education directives, the University will close at noon on Christmas Eve Day, Tuesday, Dec. 24, and continue to be closed for Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25. The University will also be closed on New Year's Day, Wednesday, Jan. 1. Only those employees designated by their department heads will be required to work on these holidays. -- Marlene Strathe, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and Fred MacGregor, Director of Personnel Services.

Chester Fritz Library:

The Chester Fritz Library final exam and holiday hours are:

Final Exams: Saturday, Dec. 14 (Reading and Review Day), 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 15, 1 p.m. to midnight; Monday through Thursday, Dec. 16-19, 8 a.m. to midnight; Friday, Dec. 20, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Holiday Hours: Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 21-22, closed; Monday, Dec. 23, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 24, 8 a.m. to noon; Wednesday, Dec. 25, closed; Thursday and Friday, Dec. 26-27, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 28-29, closed; Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 30-31, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Jan. 1, closed; Thursday and Friday, Jan. 2-3, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 4-5, closed; Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 6-7, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Jan. 8, resume regular hours. -- Patricia Berntsen, Assistant Director, Chester Fritz Library.

Health Sciences Library:

Holiday hours for the Library of the Health Sciences are: Friday, Dec. 20, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 21, 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 22, closed; Monday, Dec. 23, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 24, 8 a.m. to noon; Wednesday, Dec. 25, closed; Thursday and Friday, Dec. 26 and 27, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 28, 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 29, closed; Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 30 and 31, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, Jan. 1, closed; Thursday and Friday, Jan. 2 and 3, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 4, 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 5, closed.

Regular hours resume Monday, Jan. 6: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 11 p.m. -- April Byars, Administrative Assistant, Library of the Health Sciences.

Computer Center:

The Computer Center will close for the Christmas holiday at noon Tuesday, Dec. 24, and will reopen at midnight Wednesday, Dec. 25. -- Nadine Kotowicz, Operations Manager, Computer Center.

Upton II Computer Labs:

The Upton II Hall computer cluster (Rooms 10 and 20) hours will be open for the semester break from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. each day. Effective dates are Friday, Dec. 20, through Jan. 7. The night of January 7 and through the Spring semester, it will be open 24 hours per day for student, faculty and staff use. -- Dorette Kerian, Manager, User Services, UND Computer Center, dorette_kerian@mail.und.nodak.edu; 7-3880.

Memorial Union:

The Memorial Union will close at 5:30 p.m. starting Friday, Dec. 20. The Union will be closed all Saturdays and Sundays through Sunday, Jan. 5. Following is the schedule for Monday, Dec. 23, through Friday, Jan. 3: Lifetime Sports Center, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Info Center, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Service Center, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Copy Stop, closed (for special projects, call 7-3926); Burger King, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Bookstore, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Administrative Office, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Craft Center/Sign & Design Studio, closed; Dining Center (office hours), 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (last contract meal is lunch on Dec. 19; open until 4 p.m. Dec. 19); Barber Shop, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Centennial Dining Room, Corner Deli and Espresso Cart close Dec. 19 at 1:30 p.m.; University Learning Center, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Union Station, closed; Passport IDs, noon to 4 p.m.; Computer Learning Lab, 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; Building Hours, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. -- Marsha Nelson, Memorial Union.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

UND Aerospace Invites All To Holiday Reception

UND Aerospace invites all faculty and staff to a Holiday Reception Friday, Dec. 13, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in CAS I, Room 244. Enjoy hot cider and cookies, holiday music, and good conversation. Take a break from the rush -- ride the campus shuttle west to share some holiday cheer! -- Della Kapocius, Special Events Coordinator, UND Aerospace.

FYI

United Way Thanks UND

Thank you for donating \$71,000 to this year's United Way Campaign from the United Way Board of Directors and the 34 health and human service agencies that will receive funding. The 1996 United Way Campaign that was recently conducted among faculty and staff raised nearly \$71,000. While this year's campaign fell short of last year's total of \$73,500, the UND drive is still the largest employee campaign for the United Way of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks and area.

The campus-wide drive was chaired by Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost Marlene Strathe. It takes the cooperation of many individuals and departments at UND to conduct such an extensive campaign. We thank not only UND donors but also, the Payroll Department and all of the other volunteers who coordinated the individual department drives. -- Jan Orvik, Editor, for Pat Berger, President and CEO, United Way of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks and Area.

Christmas Tree, Decorations Require Careful Use

You can prevent most holiday fires through careful selection and safe handling of the Christmas tree. Here are some basic safety tips for maintaining a safe tree.

Artificial trees are acceptable for decorating purposes. Live trees must have prior approval from the UND Safety Office and must be treated to comply with fire codes. If you plan to have a real tree, please contact the Safety Office for instructions before purchasing it.

Select a location that's away from heat and drying sources, such as registers or radiators. Do not place the tree where it might be in a path or exit, or block a doorway.

Inspect lights and other electrical decorations before putting them up. Look for frayed or bare wires, cracked sockets, loose connections and damaged insulation. When you leave the office for home, be sure to unplug all of your decorative lighting.

After the holidays, the sooner you remove the Christmas tree and take down decorations, the better. The longer the tree stays up, the more of a fire hazard it becomes. -- John Glass Jr., Director of Safety.

Weather Data Available On UNInfo

You can now find weather forecasts and road reports online via UNInfo, the University's menu system on the Internet. Access the system by typing <http://www.und.nodak.edu> for the World Wide Web. The weather information can be found by clicking on the "Calendars, Culture, News and Publications" button, then "News and Events" file. You'll find forecasts for all North Dakota regions, Minneapolis, Sioux Falls, Billings, southern Manitoba, southern Saskatchewan, plus current conditions, national outlooks, and forecasts for every state. Road reports are also available. -- Jan Orvik (University Relations), Co-Manager, UNInfo.

Denim Day Comes Early This Month

Denim Day will be a week early this month, Wednesday, Dec. 18. Pay your dollar to your building/department representative and enjoy wearing casual clothes. If you have a dress-up occasion that day and can't go casual, we're happy to accept your dollar anyway! Wear your button to show your support; all money goes to charity. -- Patsy Nies (Student Affairs) for the Denim Day Committee.

Dec. 13 Is "Green And White Day"

President Kendall Baker has approved Friday, Dec. 13, as a "Green and White Day." Employees may wear UND colors and jeans. The men's basketball team will take on Bemidji State University on Friday, Dec. 13, and both the men's and women's basketball teams will play the University of Minnesota-Morris on Saturday, Dec. 14. -- Jan Orvik, Editor, University Letter.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 1996

(Please contact Mavis at the Office of University Relations, Box 7144, or call 777-4304, if you wish to make changes or have an event included.)

Through Wed., Dec. 18 -- ART EXHIBITION, Letitia Wetterauer, Iowa - Drawings/Prints, Gallery, Hughes Fine Arts Center.

Through Fri., Dec. 13 -- HOLIDAY MINI-CRAFT SESSIONS, University Craft Center, third floor, Memorial Union, noon; each project will cost \$1; register by calling 777-3979.

Thurs., Dec. 12 -- LAST DAY TO FILE FINAL REPORT ON DEGREE EXAMINATIONS AND INDEPENDENT STUDY COMPLETION IN THE GRADUATE SCHOOL.

Thurs., Dec. 12 -- MEETING, Underrepresented Student Recruitment Committee, 305 Twamley Hall, 9 to 10 a.m.

Thurs., Dec. 12 -- RETIREMENT RECEPTION for Fred MacGregor, Alumni Center, 2 to 4 p.m.; he is retiring Dec. 31, after serving as director of Personnel Services since 1979, and associated with the Office of Personnel Services since 1971.

Thurs., Dec. 12 -- TRAINING SESSION, 8:15 to 11:45 a.m.; Controller's Office and the Purchasing Office are holding a training session for new employees or employees who did not attend a previous session; includes information from the Controller's Office, Purchasing, Inventory Control, Surplus Property and Central Receiving; contact Allison Peyton at 777-2968 for more information.

Thurs., Dec. 12 -- INTERNATIONAL CENTRE END-OF-SEMESTER SOCIAL GATHERING and study break, including pizza, relaxing music and interaction with friends, International Centre, 2908 University Ave., 7 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 12 -- ZOO NIGHTCLUB, Stress Relief Dance, Ballroom, Memorial Union, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., \$2 with student ID, sponsored by University Program Council.

Fri., Dec. 13 -- BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY LECTURE, "Regulation of Rat Liver Glucose-6-Phosphatase Gene Expression," presented by Dr. Alex Lange, Assistant Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine, Minneapolis, Room 5520, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 11 a.m.; all interested persons are invited to attend.

Fri., Dec. 13 -- BIOLOGY FACULTY CANDIDATES TO PRESENT SEMINARS, at noon Dr. Sally Pyle, Assistant Research Professor at Rutgers University and a candidate for the Structural Biologist position at UND, will speak in Starcher 141; her topic will be "Neurobiology of the Axonal Cytoskeleton in Disease and Development"; at 3 p.m. in Starcher 141, Dr. Heather McDonald, a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Genetics, University of Washington, and a candidate for the Geneticist position at UND, will speak; her title will be announced.

Fri., Dec. 13 -- PHARMACOLOGY FACULTY CANDIDATE TO PRESENT SEMINAR, Room 5520, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 9 to 10 a.m.; "Postranscriptional and Postranslational Regulation of DNA Topoisomerase II in Anticancer Drug Resistant Leukemia Cells," will be presented by Dr. Jack Yalowich of the Department of Pharmacology, University of Pittsburgh; all interested persons are invited to attend.

Fri., Dec. 13 -- COUNSELING SEMINAR, the course Counseling 565N: Seminar Topics in Counseling and Counseling Psychology Research and Practice presents "Reality Therapy," by Judy Comstock, 316 Montgomery Hall, 3 to 4:30 p.m.; everyone is invited, whether or not you are taking the seminar for credit or not.

Fri., Dec. 13 -- DOCTORAL EXAMINATION for Pamela Samson, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Clinical Psychology, Room 210, Corwin-Larimore Hall, noon; members of the Graduate Faculty are invited to attend.

Fri., Dec. 13 -- SOLAR-POWERED VEHICLE PRESENTATION, engineering students are inviting local business leaders to observe the final presentations for their

senior design class, a solar-powered vehicle called the "Subzero," Upson Hall; members of the student organization, Society for Energy Alternatives, have worked to raise money, design, and build the "Subzero" in time to enter it in June's Sunrayce '97; open to college-level education institutions in North America, the Sunrayce challenge is to design, build and race a solar-powered vehicle on a 1,230 mile state highway course from Indianapolis, Ind., to Colorado Springs, Colo; the "Subzero" will be unveiled to the public in February 1997.

Fri., Dec. 13 -- WINTER DREAMS HOLIDAY CONCERT featuring guest artist Gordon Brock, Greater Grand Forks Symphony Orchestra, Chester Fritz Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.; celebrate the season with Tchaikovsky's "Winter Dreams" Symphony No. 1, and sing-a-long with the Symphony to "A Carol Festival (call 777-3359 for ticket information).

Fri., Dec. 13 -- UND AEROSPACE HOLIDAY RECEPTION, CAS I, Room 244, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.; all faculty and staff are invited for hot cider and cookies, holiday music, and good conversation.

Fri., Dec. 13 -- GREEN AND WHITE DAY, President Baker has approved wearing jeans and UND colors (men's basketball, Bemidji State University and University of Minnesota-Morris; women's basketball, University of Minnesota-Morris).

Fri., Dec. 13 -- BASKETBALL, MEN'S, UND vs. Bemidji State University, Hyslop Sports Center, 7:30 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 13 -- WRESTLING, UND at North Dakota State University, Fargo, N.D., 7 p.m.

Fri. and Sat., Dec. 13-14 -- SWIMMING AND DIVING, UND at University of Manitoba Diving Invitational, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Sat., Dec. 14 -- READING AND REVIEW DAY.

Sat., Dec. 14 -- GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION (GRE), Ballroom, Memorial Union, 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 14 -- BASKETBALL, MEN'S, UND vs. University of Minnesota-Morris, Hyslop Sports Center, 8 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 14 -- BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S, UND vs. University of Minnesota-Morris, Hyslop Sports Center, 6 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 15 -- DOCTORAL EXAMINATION for Heidi K. Jensen, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in Clinical Psychology, Room 203, Corwin-Larimore Hall, 3 p.m.; members of the Graduate Faculty are invited to attend.

Sun., Dec. 15 -- CHILDREN/FAMILY SERIES, "Babes in Toyland," this holiday show has unforgettable music, spectacular sets and a fun-filled story, Chester Fritz Auditorium, 2 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 16 -- PHARMACOLOGY CANDIDATES WILL GIVE SEMINARS, Dr. Begonia Ho of the Department of Pharmacology at the Medical College of Wisconsin will present "G Protein-Coupled Signaling Pathways of the Cannabinoid Receptor," from 10 to 11 a.m. in Room 5510, School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Dr. James Drewett of the Department of Pharmacology and Cardiovascular Research Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin will present "Catalytic Domains of Guanlyl Cyclase is Essential for Mediating Inhibition of Aldosterone Synthesis," from 1 to 2 p.m. in Room 5510, School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mon., Dec. 16 -- RETIREMENT RECEPTION for Ollie Larson, Associate Professor of Family and Community Nursing, third floor faculty lounge, College of Nursing, 2 to 4 p.m.

Mon. through Fri., Dec. 16-20 -- SEMESTER EXAMINATION PERIOD.

Tues., Dec. 17 -- FAREWELL RECEPTION for Dr. Jack Geller, Director of the Center for Rural Health, John W. Vennes Atrium of the Edwin C. James Medical Research Facility, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Dr. Geller has resigned to accept the position of Director of the Department of Health Systems Research at the Marshfield (Wis.) Medical Research and Education Foundation.

Wed., Dec. 18 -- DENIM DAY, wear your button, pay your dollar to your building/department representative and enjoy wearing casual clothes; all money goes to charity.

Thurs., Dec. 19 -- INSTRUCTIONAL CLASS, "Managing Your Personal Bibliographies - An Introduction to Utilizing Reference Manager," presented by Barb Knight, Library of the Health Sciences, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, 12:05

to 12:55 p.m.; bring your own lunch.

Thurs. and Fri., Dec. 19-20 -- MEETING, State Board of Higher Education, Dickinson State University.

Fri., Dec. 20 -- WINTER COMMENCEMENT AND OFFICIAL GRADUATION DAY, Chester Fritz Auditorium, 2 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 20 -- FLEXCOMP OPEN ENROLLMENT ENDS for the plan year of Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 1997; contact Jean Deaniel at 777-4423 for more information.

Sat. and Sun., Dec. 21-22 -- BASKETBALL, MEN'S, UND hosts Rydell Classic with Grand Canyon College (Phoenix), Grand View College (Des Moines, Iowa), and Moorhead State University (Minnesota), Hyslop Sports Center.

Sat. and Sun., Dec. 21-22 -- BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S, UND hosts Rydell Classic with Grand Canyon College (Phoenix), Grand View College (Des Moines, Iowa), and Moorhead State University (Minnesota), Hyslop Sports Center.

Mon., Dec. 23 -- GRADES DUE FOR FALL SEMESTER.

Tues., Dec. 24 -- INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD deadline for clinical proposals (require subcommittee and full board review).

Tues., Dec. 24 -- CHRISTMAS EVE DAY HOLIDAY, the University will close at noon in accordance with State Board of Higher Education directive.

Wed., Dec. 25 -- HOLIDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY.

Fri. and Sat., Dec. 27-28 -- HOCKEY, UND vs. Boston University, Ralph Engelstad Arena, 7:35 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 28 -- BASKETBALL, MEN'S, UND at North Dakota State University, Fargo, N.D.

Sat., Dec. 28, through Mon., Jan. 6 -- SWIMMING AND DIVING, Christmas Training Trip (meet to be announced), Sarasota, Fla.

Sun., Dec. 29 -- BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S, UND at North Dakota State University, Fargo, N.D.

Tues., Dec. 31 -- INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD deadline for proposals requiring full board review.

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